

# Townshend House

Herrick Archives Number H 002

## A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

### 1. Name

1. 1 Building was never officially named by Board of Trustees.

1. 2 Generally referred to in older records as the "Townshend House," since it was occupied by Professor Norton Townshend.

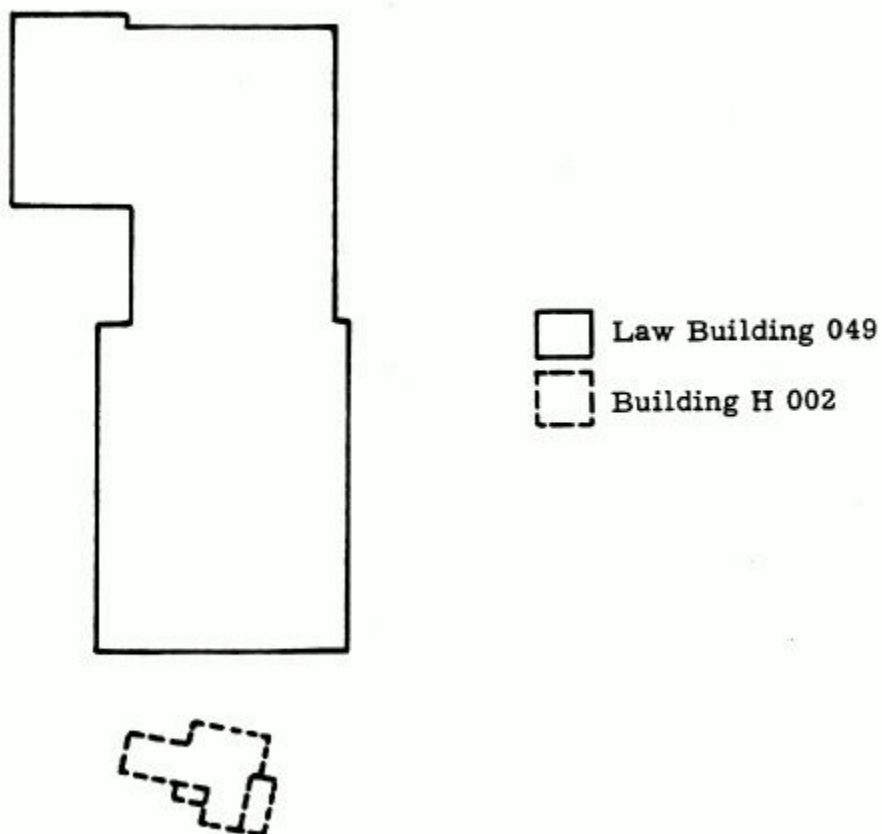
1.3 Alternate names noted:

1. 3. 1 Dr. Townshend died in this house on July 13, 1895 (Cope: 230) and the house was later occupied by others, whose names might have been used in referring to this building.

No systematic search for names of occupants has been made, but the following have been noted: (1) Professor C. P. Crowe. (2) R. C. Kaiser, University Plumber, and (3) Paul H. Elleman, Director of Physical Plant.

1. 3. 2 Bill Arter in the magazine section of the Columbus Dispatch for December 14, 1969 (p. 30) refers to the building as "OSU's Little House. "

See Addenda Nos. 1,3,4,5



## 2. Location

2.1 Located at the northwest corner of North High Street and West 11th Avenue, just south of the present Law Building (049). See sketch below and report for Building 049.

See Addendum No. 1

## 3. General Description

### 3.1 Type of construction:

Wood frame with brick exterior; rubble limestone foundation (McC 1:8A).

### 3.2 No. of stories:

Basement and two stories.

### 3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions noted.

### 3.4 Size of building:

Ten rooms (McC 1:8A).

## B. SIGNIFICANT DATES

1. The house was on the land when acquired by the University in 1871. McCracken reports that it was built "before 1870." (McC 1: 8A)
2. The demolition of this house was included in the general contract for the addition to the Law Building (049). It was used as a construction headquarters. This contract was substantially completed as of May 15, 1959 (A), and the house probably was demolished shortly before that date.

## C. COST

McCracken (1: 8A) reports the cost at \$3,800, but does not indicate the source of his information. The house and the two acres on which it stood cost the University \$6,250 (Cope: 34).

## D. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

X 7613 (from east)

2. Sketch by Bill Arter in magazine section of Columbus Dispatch. December 14, 1969, p. 30.

John H- Herrick  
August 25, 1972

## ADDENDUM NO. 1

The address of this building was 1627 North High Street.

Additional names noted include "Engineer's Residence," and "Maintenance Engineer's Residence"

John H. Herrick  
February 4, 1976

## ADDENDUM NO. 2

Title to this property was transferred to the State of Ohio by deed executed November 16, 1870 by Lucius Humphrey (Deed book 103, p. 550).

John H. Herrick  
September 1, 1978

## ADDENDUM NO. 3

Additional occupants of this house were Professor Mesloh and Professor B.A. Eisenlohr of the German Department (McC 2:69).

The Board of Trustees on November 12, 1895 approved Farm Committee recommendation that the barn near this house be removed, if arrangements could be made with the tenants. McCracken (1:130) reports that "the arrangements were made and the barn disposed of."

John H. Herrick  
October 31, 1978

#### **ADDENDUM NO. 4**

Inspection of old campus maps reveals the following additional name for this building:

Superintendent's Residence

John H. Herrick  
November 10, 1979

#### **ADDENDUM NO. 5**

The following additional name for this building has been found on old campus maps: OSU Residence

John H. Herrick  
September 21, 1981